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STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WAR DEPARTMENT

Country: USSR

Subject: Reorganization of Military Districts

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Reorganization of Military Districts

1. The exact number of Soviet Military Districts is not known at present, as they are in course of reorganization. For example, towards the end of April 1946, by order of the Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Stalin, the Stavropol Military District was liquidated and its territory divided among the Kuban and North Caucasian Military Districts.

2. Following in alphabetical order are some of the Military Districts

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a. Byelorussian
b. Crimean
c. Far Eastern
d. Kiev
e. Leningrad
f. Moscow
g. North Caucasian
h. Odessa
i. Petrozavodsk
j. Riga
k. Saratov
l. Sverdlov (or Ural)
m. Tallinn
n. Trans-Baikal
o. Trans-Caspathian
p. Trans-Caucasian
q. Ural
r. Voronezh
s. West Siberian

As can be seen, there is no coincidence between military and administrative divisions of the USSR. This is not complete.

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5. Following is a list of known high-ranking officers attached to the various Military Districts:

a. Trans-Baikal Military District (ZabVO)

Commanding General: Colonel-General Kurochkin
Commander of MVD (NKVD) Troops: General-Major Burmak
Commander of Signal Troops: General-Major Lavrukyov

Chief of the V. M. Molotov Railroad which runs through the District is Director-General of Traction (1st Rank) Gamolchin.

The Chief of the Chita Regional (Oblast) Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is General-Major of State Security Perfenov.

The Trans-Baikal Military District includes all of the Chita Region (Oblast) and all the Buryat-Mongolian Autonomous S.S.R. The boundary with the West Siberian Military District is some 80 kilometers west of Irkutsk.

The District's headquarters are in Chita.

b. West Siberian Military District (ZapSibVO)

Commanding General: General-Lieutenant Kurdyumov

c. Kiev Military District (KiVO)

Commanding General: Colonel-General Grechko

Member of the Military Council (Soviet): N. S. Khrushchev

d. Crimean Military District (KrymVO)

Commanding General: Marshal Budyenny

This District has the special attention of the General Staff, since a number of units are being de-activated in it under Budyenny's supervision.

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e. Leningrad Military District (LenVO)

Commanding General: General-Lieutenant Vorovkin-Kolchalsky

Marshal Govorov, former commander of the Leningrad Front, and currently representative of the General Staff, is now in Leningrad.

f. Moscow Military District (MVO)

Commanding General: Colonel-General Artemyev

Commanding General of the District Air Forces: General-Lieutenant Shytov

g. Odessa Military District (OVO)

Commanding General: Colonel-General Tyulenev

h. Riga Military District (RiVO)

Commanding General: Army General Bagramian

The Riga Military District covers the whole territory of the Latvian S.S.R.

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